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TEN CENTS A WEEK

SEVERAL LIVES LOST IN MISSISSIPPI RIOT

Troops Go With Gatling Gun to Stop

TROUBLE BETWEEN THE RACES

Which Was Brought On by a Conductor Ejecting Two Boisterous Negroes from a Passenger Train—One Negro Killed by Conductor.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 26.—According to reports received here Monday the negroes for miles around have congregated in the town of Wabak, 44 miles north of this city, and all during Monday afternoon paraded the streets, threatening vengeance on the whites because of the killing of one negro and the wounding of another by a conductor on a passenger train of the Mobile and Ohio railroad while the latter was attempting to quell a disturbance aboard his train.

At the town of Wabak scarcely more than 25 white persons reside, and in response to a plea for protection, Battery I and company D of the white militia, stationed in this city, has been ordered to proceed to the scene with all possible dispatch.

The troops left aboard a special train at 10 o'clock and reached Wabak at midnight.

The battery by instructions carried a gatling gun, and all the men are heavily armed, with plenty of ammunition.

At 8:30 o'clock Monday night a message from Scooba, the first station south of the scene of the trouble, stated that a clash had occurred between the races with the result that two white men were killed. This report, however, has not been verified, although railroad officials admit receiving a message detailing some additional trouble.

The trouble originated while the train was between Wabak and Scooba in a fight between two negroes. Conductor Cooper, who was in charge of the train, attempted to separate the combatants, when he was attacked by a negro known as Spencer. After receiving several knife wounds, Cooper fired on his assailant, seriously wounding him, and killing an unknown person.

When Wabak was reached Spencer, though badly wounded, left the train, and when Constable O'Brien of that place attempted to effect his capture, the negro shot and killed the officer. Spencer then escaped to the woods, with a well organized posse in pursuit.

At last reports the negro had succeeded in evading his pursuers.

Wild Man Terrorizes Citizens.

Lebanon, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A wild man is terrorizing the community surrounding Socialville, 10 miles southwest of here. A new bicycle and a penknife, together with a long manuscript, evidently written by a demented person, were found hidden in Western Row schoolhouse. The wild man has been seen lurking about this building at night. Weird howls have been heard from that direction for several weeks and a search in the woods has disclosed every appearance of being recently occupied. A sharp lookout will be kept until the person is apprehended.

Died from Starvation.

Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—David Weinburg, Deputy Grand Commander of the Ohio Modern Maccabees, died following an operation performed on him Tuesday, when his tongue was entirely removed. Previous to the operation, which was made necessary by cancer in the mouth, he had partaken so little food that he practically starved himself.

Engineer Hurt in Collision.

Moultrie, Ga., Dec. 26.—A head-on collision between local freight No. 46, of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, and a special train of an engine and one car, belonging to the Union Pinepolis saw mills, occurred near Moultrie. Engineer James, of the local freight, fell against the engine and broke two ribs.

MARIETTA HAS SERIOUS FIRE.

Whole Business Portion of City Was Threatened.

Marietta, Ga., Dec. 26.—The Georgia Manufacturing and Public Service company's plant was almost entirely destroyed by fire Monday, the old portion of the plant being the worse wrecked, and the new portion being badly damaged.

Moultrie M. Sessions is president of the company. It was formerly the Marietta Paper Mills, but recently incorporated as the Georgia Manufacturing and Public Service Corporation. This company operated the electric power plant, the city's lighting service and the city waterworks in addition to the paper mills.

The lighting plant was in the new portion of the building, and this was not so severely injured by the flames as the other and it is expected that the damage to wires and machinery will be repaired some time in the next 24 hours.

The fire is supposed to have originated in the chemical room of the paper mill and to have been due to the explosion of chemicals used in the bleaching process. The flames for awhile threatened the whole business section of Marietta and the fire department of Atlanta was called upon for assistance, but shortly afterwards the Marietta department succeeded in getting the fire under control and Atlanta was wried not to send the aid formerly requested. The Marietta Chair Factory and the Marietta Ice company's plants were dangerously close to the burned district and for a while was in imminent danger.

During the progress of the flames the firemen were seriously handicapped by the inadequate water supply.

Powell Killed by Officer.

Cedartown, Ga., Dec. 26.—Police-man Lawrence Hunt shot and killed Tom Powell, a carpenter, who resided in the eastern part of the city, in an attempt to arrest him. It is stated that Powell was drinking. He had been giving considerable trouble during the day and at one time had shot at his son-in-law. A call for the police was sent in and Officer Hunt and Wright answered the call. Powell barricaded himself in the house upon learning of the approach of the police, where he remained until he thought the officers had departed. Upon opening the door and seeing the officers, he advanced upon them with his shotgun and fired, but Patrolman Hunt was too quick for him and fired about the same time, his shots taking effect and killing Powell. Powell's shot went astray.

Elected Constitutional President.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 26.—The national assembly Monday formally elected General Eloy Alfaro, the acting president, to be constitutional president for four years. The election of Alfaro, who received a large majority of the votes cast is very popular. The republic now seems to be entirely pacified and the commercial outlook is most favorable to the abolition of the import duty on sugar and the opening of this market to the sugar refineries of the United States of America.

Two Killed by a Train.

Atlanta, Dec. 26.—E. G. Grubbs, a young white man 23 years of age, living with his wife and 4-months-old child at the home of his father, A. J. Grubbs, on Whiteford avenue, in Edgewood, a driver and collector for the Guthman steam laundry, was killed Monday by an outbound Southern railway switch engine at the North avenue crossing. A 12-year-old negro boy called "Pate," who was also on the wagon, was killed at the same time.

Bryce Winding Up Affairs.

Dublin, Dec. 26.—James Bryce, who is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington has returned to the chief secretary's office in the castle and is busy winding up public affairs there, preparatory to handing over the post to his successor. It is understood Mr. Bryce will leave for Washington about the middle of February. There is a disposition in Dublin to regard Augustin Barrill, president of the board of education, as the most probable successor of Mr. Bryce in Ireland.

JAPAN TO INVADE CHINESE MARKETS

Little Brown Men, it Is Stated, May Cut Into

THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE

Japanese Merchants Are Reaching Out To Capture the Cotton Markets of China and Relieve Americans of this Business to as Large a Degree as Possible.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Japanese merchants with the aid of the government are reaching out to capture the cotton markets of China and relieve Americans of this business to as large a degree as possible.

Consul John E. Jones, of Dainy, has reported to the state department how persistent are the efforts in this direction. In the past six months, says Mr. Jones, the mills in Japan have increased their spindles with the object of capturing the Chinese markets. There is evidence the Japanese government not only looks with favor on the enterprise, but is lending aid.

Japan, according to Mr. Jones, has many things in her favor in her efforts to capture the Chinese cotton market, including cheap concentrated labor, understanding of the wants of the Chinese and geographical position.

China is producing large quantities of cotton, but the quality is not good and has to be mixed with either the American or Indian cotton to produce a good fabric.

Japan uses large quantities of Chinese cotton in the making of textiles and will seek control of the supply. Mr. Jones says Japan is even now growing cotton in Korea in order to make herself independent of the foreign supply.

Of 249,574,662 pounds of raw cotton used by the Japanese cotton mills in the year 1906, India supplied 75,673,683 pounds, China supplied 67,996,954 pounds and America 58,541,956 pounds. With three exceptions, all the mills in Japan used American cotton.

The total number of spindles in operation in the cotton mills of Japan last July was 1,373,730, and the cotton consumed that month was 35,814,125 pounds. The cotton industry in the island empire is growing rapidly.

Was a Fugitive from Justice.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 26.—Who she fell from a Lake Shore train here and was injured, David Mack, a farmer, aged 40, and having a wife and two children at Delta, O., gave himself up and confessed that he tried to murder the Delta Town Marshal two weeks ago with a stove poker. Mack sought an officer and asked him to telephone the Wausen (Ohio) sheriff. The officer came for him and took him to Delta for trial. Mack, after assaulting the policeman, who hovered between life and death, went to Detroit and thence to Chicago. He was tired, he says, of evading the law. Mack's foot was nearly cut off when he slipped under the train.

Threw Gunpowder in Fire.

Clifton, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Corä, the 6-year-old daughter of W. J. Henderson, a wealthy farmer living 5 miles from here, threw a can containing two pounds of gunpowder in to an open grate. It exploded, blowing one of her eyes out and burning the hair off her head. Mrs. Henderson was also burned in a terrible manner. The father had been hunting, and set the can on a chair while he stepped out of the room.

A. & N. C. Lease Sustained.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—The state supreme court sustained the lease made by the state of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, now a part of the Norfolk and Southern. Four justices concurred, but Chief Justice Clark filed a dissenting opinion. Formerly the Atlantic and North Carolina was operated by the state, and a demand that it be leased was based on the ground of bad management and poor results.

"RENEGING" FOR ROOSEVELT

Will Stand by Action in Discharging the Negro Troops.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt firmly reiterated to one of his visitors his declaration, as published that he will veto any measure that may be passed by congress looking to the restoration of the three companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry to the army, and his program, in the event that the measure should be passed over his veto.

There is no ground so far as can be ascertained from congressional visitors to the white house, for the supposition that congress would pass any bill of restoration against the wishes of the president. The president's declaration as to what he would do if pushed to the extremity, is believed to be an expression of opinion going to indicate how firmly convinced he is that he is right in his action as to the three companies.

The president expects to be fully prepared for any fight that may be inaugurated in the senate, either in favor of the troops or against him.

Some of his friends in that body do not believe that anything more than an investigation by a senate committee will ever come of the whole thing, and say that when this is done the subject will die out.

North Carolina's Pride.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 26.—Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt will furnish and have in charge a room in the North Carolina building at the Jamestown exposition. This department will be one of the most attractive and interesting features of the North Carolina exhibit. The room will be handsomely furnished throughout in the rarest woods, all of which will be carved by hand. Rare old tapestry will adorn the walls. There will be exhibits of the products of the Biltmore estate and handwork of the Biltmore Boys Club. Fine specimens of weaving done by the mountain women of western North Carolina will also be shown.

Large Number of Christmas Parcels.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The number of packages containing Christmas presents received at the White House this year is larger than for many seasons and they come from all parts of the country. Members of the president's family throughout the entire country and personal friends send most of the presents. It is a rule at the White House to accept Christmas presents when they are not of large value, which would place anybody under obligations. In case their value is above a reasonable sum they are returned to the shipper with thanks of the president.

Frightened Burglar with Revolver.

Carmi, Ill., Dec. 26.—Burglars have been active in this city for the last two weeks, many stores and residences having been entered. The home of Mrs. Lida Hill, a widow, was entered, Mrs. Hill, awakened by the noise, armed herself with a revolver and rushed into the kitchen, where the burglar was operating. The man showed flight and reached for his revolver. Mrs. Hill was too quick for him, and with her revolver held close to the intruder's head, she compelled him to retreat. She snapped the weapon three times, but unknown to her, her son, a schoolboy, had removed the cartridges.

Guilt of Bigamy; Released.

Lima, O., Dec. 26.—The circuit court here has handed down a decision holding that common-law marriages cannot be recognized under the laws of Ohio. The case at issue was that of David H. Bates, who lived with a woman to whom he was not married for two years, introducing her as his wife. Subsequently Bates, who married a young woman in Allen county. He was arrested and convicted in the criminal court on the charge of bigamy, but by the decision of the circuit court, he will be released from jail at once.

Saved by Neighbors.

Akron, O., Dec. 26.—Benjamin Whitehead and John Hatfield were seriously burned in an explosion of chemicals with which they were experimenting. The shop they occupied was burned. Neighbors rescued the men.

DIAZ TO DEMAND WATER DAMAGE

Overflow of the Colorado River Must Be Remedied

TO SAVE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

California Company Will Be Informed that It Must Close the Gap on the Border and Check the Waters which Flow into the Salton Sink.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The state department has been advised by Mr. Thompson, the American ambassador to Mexico, that the president of the Mexican republic has taken prompt action looking to the remedying of the damage to property in the imperial valley, as the result of the overflow of the Colorado river into the Salton sink.

President Diaz, through the department of fomento, colonization and industry, has advised the Compania de Riegos y Terrenos de la Baja California, that in view of the irreparable damage which property is liable to suffer in the imperial valley, the overflow of the Colorado river continues towards the Salton sink the present conditions must have prompt and efficient remedy. For this purpose the chief executive has ordered that the company should demonstrate to the satisfaction of the chief of the Mexican boundary and river commission, within the peremptory term of ten days that the company possesses, "has at its immediate deposit and shall invest in the proper way, the capital, implements, laborers and all such elements as may be indispensable to (within the term of three months designated for the purpose), control the situation of the Colorado river, close the open gap of its borders, and definitely return the waters to their old bed."

The same chief executive has ordered, besides, that the company be informed that in case it does not give the demonstration in question under conditions and terms fixed, action will be taken to annul the concession to divert the waters of the Colorado river.

This action was taken as the result of negotiations conducted by this government with the Mexican authorities.

Spent Life in Fighting Trust.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Davis Kirk, one of the pioneer oil operators of Pennsylvania and for many years a noted figure in public-spirited enterprises is dead, aged 76 years. Mr. Kirk was always identified with independent oil operations. He was active in the formation of the Producers Protective association, and was the first President of the Pure Oil company. In 1888, when the house committee on manufactures investigated trusts, he was one of the chief witnesses. He was twice a candidate for congress.

Good Order for Atlanta.

Atlanta, Dec. 26.—That peace and good order was to be preserved in Atlanta for Christmas was assured by the proclamation which Mayor Woodward issued at noon Monday ordering all liquor houses to remain closed from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. Following the mayor's proclamation Chief of Police Jennings immediately gave instructions to the saloon keepers and liquor dealers to close their places of business at 4 o'clock, and the order was obeyed.

To Serve Ten Years.

Bryan, O., Dec. 26.—William Masters has been taken to the penitentiary to serve 10 years for shooting with intent to kill on May 10 the Nemoyer, surveyor for the Chesapeake and New York Electric Air Line. Nemoyer will never recover from his wounds.

At the Age of 103.

Sergeant, Ky., Dec. 26.—John Noah Johnson, aged 103, and of Beaver Creek, in Knott county, having hundreds of descendants, was the oldest man in eastern Kentucky.